

Medrwn Môn Bulletin



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Medrwn Môn celebrates 25 years!

On the 30th April we celebrated our 25 year anniversary with an event celebrating the contributions volunteers, community groups and organisations have made to the Island. The event saw speeches from our founding Chief Officer, John R Jones about his journey in setting up Medrwn Môn in 2001, and Chief Executive of the Wales Council for Voluntary Action, about the superpowers of the voluntary sector and role volunteers play in strengthening our communities.

The event was attended by over 100 people from local community groups and organisations, as well as local funders and grant makers and our partners in Anglesey County Council.

As well as the Voluntary and Community Awards session, the event looked back on the achievements and work of Medrwn Môn during 2024-25, including supporting groups and organisations to secure over £2,400,000 worth of funding and distributing over £372,000 of grants ourselves!

We would like to thank everyone who attended the event and to all the community groups, organisations, volunteers and partners who continue to work with us to support the growth of Anglesey as an Island where they are able to play a full and prominent role and have their voices heard!



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Volunteer & Community Awards!



As part of this year's Medrwn Môn AGM, we were delighted to celebrate the individuals, groups and organisations whose dedication, commitment and community spirit make a real difference to people's lives across Anglesey. The awards recognise the incredible contribution made by volunteers, trustees, charities and community groups, all of whom help strengthen communities and support local people throughout the island.

Among the winners were **Anglesey Guide Dogs Fundraising Group**, who received the Fundraiser of the Year Award, and **Theatr Fach Llangefni**, recognised for their contribution to Using the Welsh Language in the Community.

It was a successful evening for **Barnardo's Meddwl Ymlaen**, who picked up two awards. They were named Diversity and Inclusion Champions, while their partnership with **Ysgol David Hughes** also received Project of the Year.

Other winners included **Henry Chesterton** of Menai Heritage Sailing, who was recognised as Trustee of the Year for his commitment and leadership in supporting the organisation's work preserving Anglesey's maritime heritage. **Harrison and Oliver Davies** of Clwb Ni Dwyran were named Young Volunteers of the Year, recognising the enthusiasm and dedication they bring to their local community.

Jean Owen received the Long Service Award in recognition of her many years of volunteering and contribution to life in Aberffraw, while **Amanda Davies** was honoured as Volunteer of the Year for her commitment to supporting her local community through her role as a trustee of the Bro Aberffraw Alliance and her involvement with Clwb Ni Dwyran.

The Charity of the Year Award went to **Benllech Good Turn Scheme**, recognising the support it provides to local people through its volunteer-led services. Together, these winners highlight the breadth and diversity of volunteering taking place across Anglesey every day.

A sincere thank you to our award sponsors – **Llangefni Rotary, Halen Môn, W.O. Jones, Bla, Dragon Craft, Ellingworth Roofing, Anglesey Solar, Menai Heating and Signs & Designs** – whose support helped make the awards possible



Medrwn Môn pays tribute to Bill Hadfield

The Board and Staff at Medrwn Môn would like to pay tribute to our Treasurer, Bill Hadfield, who sadly passed away in May.

Bill was a valued member of the Board of Medrwn Môn for over 10 years after joining us as a representative from Benllech and District Good Turn Scheme, where he was an active and well respected Chairman.

Bill volunteered for Benllech Good Turn Scheme for 16 years, his duties ranging from a driver, board member, and finance manager to being responsible for grant applications and reporting. Bill also helped other community transport schemes across Wales to set up and share good practice, even visiting other Community Transport schemes as far as South Wales.



The Third Sector Comes Together for Gofod 3 2026!

Gofod3 is the largest voluntary sector event in Wales, and the 2026 edition took place on Wednesday, 17 June 2026 at the Cardiff City Stadium. Organized annually by the WCVA, the free event offered hundreds of professionals space to learn, plan, and network through masterclasses, interactive workshops, and a bustling marketplace.

The opening address from the Deputy First Minister Sioned Williams, reinforced the importance of placing the voluntary sector at the heart of Wales' future. The event featured a vibrant, interactive marketplace allowing charities and social enterprises to network, showcase services, and make connections. Attendees could access dozens of sessions and masterclasses covering key topics like funding, AI, policy and politics, digital skills, health, and volunteering.

The New Approach to Volunteering in Wales was also launched at the gofod3 event, working with variety of volunteering stakeholders as part of the volunteering cross sector leadership group, we will share future developments.

For further information on the Wales Council for Voluntary Action, follow the [link](#).



Speaking at Gofod3, the Deputy First Minister for Wales, Sioned Williams was clear in her message that the voluntary sector will play a central role in delivering Wales' priorities.



Our Chief Officer, Third Sector Community & Wellbeing Officer, Funding & Information Officer, Volunteer Support Officer and Place Shaping Officer attended sessions relevant to their roles within Medrwn Môn.



The Urdd Comes to Môn- A Celebration to Remember!



Medrwn Môn had a busy and exciting week at the Urdd Eisteddfod 2026 at the end of May. Their stall welcomed hundreds of children, young people and families throughout the festival, with activities including face painting, badge making and flag making. Children enjoyed getting creative, proudly showing off their colourful designs.

The Medrwn Môn team had many conversations with children and young people throughout the week about the 5 Ways to Wellbeing- sharing ideas, answering questions and creating a warm and welcoming space for everyone who visited.

The weather was glorious, with sunshine and warm temperatures making the Maes a lively and vibrant place to be. The stall was filled with smiles, laughter and creativity from morning until evening. Having the Urdd Eisteddfod on Ynys Môn was a special occasion and a source of great pride for the island. It was exciting to welcome visitors from across Wales and showcase everything that makes the area unique.

The atmosphere, community spirit and unforgettable memories created throughout the week will be remembered for many years to come.

Medrwn Môn was proud to be part of such a successful celebration of Welsh language, culture and young people.



PROJECT PRISM LAUNCHES!



What an incredible start of a project it's been for the group, in only 4 months the group have achieved so much!

Project Prism is referral-only pilot for neurodivergent and LGBTQ+ young people aged 11–25, created after young people told us that Anglesey didn't have many places where they could be themselves, feel understood, or access support that actually fits their sensory needs, identities, and communication styles. Prism fills that gap with early, preventative support for young people with social and emotional health needs long before things reach crisis point.

We work with young people in mainstream schools that are usually in their ALN settings who don't require high-level support but do need the right environment, home-educated young people, and young people who are NEET.



Prism gives them a space where they don't have to mask or explain themselves just to take part. It's a unique concept as we build the group spaces around the interests and environmental needs of the young people, and not the other way around, where groups are created and young people are expected to fit in.

The project is genuinely youth-led. Young people shape the sessions, choose the equipment, co-design the environment, and even help write funding bids. They also helped design the referral system, making sure it reaches the right young people and keeps safeguarding at the centre. Their voices guide everything - from the layout of the room to the projects we run.



Our practice is LGBTQ+ inclusive, trauma-informed, and attachment-aware, with RSE-trained practitioners offering creative wellbeing support and confidential sexual health advice. We're also a C-Card provider. Prism provides young people with accurate information, trusted adults, and a safe place to ask questions without judgement. Sessions are calm, small, and safe. Young people teach each other skills - from digital design to woodworking to music - building confidence and

transferable skills for future work or volunteering. And instead of being closed to the service at 25, a volunteer pathway has been developed, allowing young people to stay connected, continue learning, and help shape the project for the next group. This keeps Prism grounded in lived experience - a space genuinely run with young people, not just for them.



We've recently moved into our new home in Holyhead Town Hall, and the young people are already planning how to decorate it so it reflects who they are. The space includes a creative workshop area with woodworking tools, a 3D printer, Cricut machine, laser machine, VR setup, dart board, crafting equipment, DJ decks, sublimation equipment, and heat presses. It's hands-on, practical, and built for curiosity, expression, and skill-building.

We're now seeking further funding to create a gaming and digital media space with consoles, a drone, podcast equipment, and photography and editing tools. These additions align with social prescribing by giving young people places to belong, connect, and feel seen. When young people have autonomy, choice, and a space that fits them, they're far more able to build relationships, confidence, and long-term wellbeing.

For any more information or a referral form please contact Cara@medrwn.mon.org



Carers Outreach Network



Celebrating the vital role of unpaid carers, the significant challenges they face, and how they feel new Welsh Government can support them moving forward.

During Carers Week, Medrwn Môn was honoured to support Carers Outreach and Action for Children to hold a Network Event for unpaid carers and third sector organisations, the local authority and health services who support carers in 'Building Carer Friendly Communities'.

The UK's 5.8 million unpaid carers provide invaluable support to families and communities, saving the economy £184bn each year. Without them, the pressure on public services would be far greater. Carer-friendly communities seek to ensure that these individuals are recognised, valued and supported in the way they deserve.



The event started off with Brian Jones, a trustee of Carers Outreach who launched the AiDi app. The app is designed to close the gap for many people who do not recognise themselves as carers, and support them with trusted advice and information, discounts, events, connecting carers to local services and tips on how to support their wellbeing. The App also allows carers to store a digital ID card with a QR code to access emergency contacts.

Discussions on the day identified barriers and solutions that carers face. To better support unpaid carers, government leaders must listen directly to their experiences and address critical gaps in funding, and mental health support. Crucially, carers need universal, timely access to Carer's Assessments ("everyone should get a carers assessment") and streamlined, easily accessible information to replace rigid, difficult systems. To alleviate burnout and isolation, the government should prioritise funding for comprehensive respite care, transport, peer support, and companion services like Marie Curie. Finally, tackling financial strain is essential; leaders must expand benefits and eliminate systemic age discrimination, such as the unfair policy where individuals lose their Carer's Allowance upon reaching state pension age. This information will be passed on to policy and decision makers, if you would like to add any suggestions, please email post@medrwnmon.org

Thank you to Councillor Neville Evans, Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Services at Isle of Anglesey County Council and Plaid Cymru representative, for attending the event and speaking to service providers, and carers.

Nev Evans : "Thank you to Medrwn Môn for organising such a valuable event on an issue that is so important to communities across Anglesey"



Community Alliances update



Bro Aberffraw Alliance

The Bro Aberffraw Alliance team are on a well deserved break until September! if you would like to get involved and find out more about the alliance, contact them through broaberffrawalliance@gmail.com, they are also on facebook

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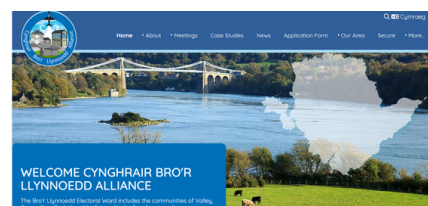
Brynsiencyn -The new 'Clwb Ni Bryn' has started at the Hall every Wednesday evening 5.45 - 8.15pm for young people aged between 11-17. The group have set their own constitution and following consultation have decided on the activities and equipment for the group. Young people from across the Ward are welcome to join!



Llanddaniel - The Community Transport Bus service, will continue until March 2027! The local Authority will continue to fund this project which has been a success and a lifeline to the residents of Llanddaniel, providing a connection from the Village to Llanfairpwll enabling access to public transport services and local amenities.



Bro'r Llynnoedd - Will be updating the mapping for the Ward during the Summer months. Medrwn Môn will support the Alliance and attend each village with our promotional bus, follow Bro'r Llynnoedd Alliance on [facebook](#) and [website](#), where dates and times will be shared.



Holyhead - Supporting the Economic & Development Department of Anglesey County Council with the Place Plan, children & young people from Project Prism are engaging with Anna from Studio Response to create art for trails in the area. They will participate in the following workshops:

- Design Workshop
- Literary Workshop Koehler focused on exploring 19th Century postal history and literary responses to Holyhead.
- Batik workshop
- Photography workshop.

Intergeneration workshops will be held at the Ucheldre Centre in Holyhead. We look forward to seeing the results!



Talybolion - A community transport consultation has recently been completed in the Mynydd Mechell, Llanfechell area. The consultation gathered information regarding transport needs and the possibility of setting up a 'Good Turn Scheme' in the area. We will work with the Alliance to see how this can be developed.



Local to Global Workshop



On 13 May, Sian and Eldra the Local Asset Coordinators had the opportunity to attend the UNESCO Local to Global Workshop: **Mental Health and Well-being Support Without Four Walls**, hosted by GeoMôn.

It was inspiring to join so many organisations and individuals who are dedicated to supporting mental health and wellbeing within our communities, including Mind Over Mountains, Menter Iaith Môn, Ambulare, and many others.

The workshop highlighted the importance of creating safe and inclusive spaces, encouraging open conversations, and recognising that support can take many forms. Whether through community connections, time in nature, language and culture, or simply being there for one another, meaningful support can have a lasting impact on wellbeing.

They came away with valuable insights, new connections, and a renewed appreciation for the strength of community-based approaches to mental health and wellbeing.

If you are interested in volunteering with GeoMôn and supporting local community initiatives, please contact gemma@medrwnmon.org for more information.

To learn more about Mind Over Mountains and the support they provide, visit the [website](#)



Link Team Attend Adferiad Open Day

Adferiad

Sian and Bethan, recently attended Adferiad's Open Day to learn more about the support available for people in our communities.

They had the opportunity to speak with staff about Adferiad's wide range of services, including mental health and wellbeing support, substance misuse services, family support, therapies for young people, recovery groups, volunteering opportunities, and back-to-work programmes.

They also learned more about CANIAD, Adferiad's service user involvement network, which gives people with lived experience, as well as families and carers, the chance to help shape future services by sharing their views and experiences.

The event was both informative and inspiring, and Sian and Bethan came away with a better understanding of the services available and a wealth of information to help signpost and support local residents. For more information click [here](#)



Woodland Pathways to Green Prescribing and Wellbeing



Staff from the Môn Community Link team and Cara from Project Prism recently attended the Woodland Pathways to Wellbeing session at Llyn Parc Mawr, Newborough, where they enjoyed a warm and welcoming day in nature.

The team took part in a range of hands-on activities including willow weaving, paper making, and foraging, all of which highlighted the therapeutic value of connecting with the outdoors. Alongside the activities, there were positive and constructive discussions around how referrals into the project will work in practice.

The group explored different referral pathways, as well as potential barriers and challenges that individuals may face when accessing the programme, particularly around mental health, isolation, and other complex needs. These conversations helped to shape a shared understanding of how best to support people in overcoming obstacles and engaging fully with the opportunities available.

The Môn Community Link team thoroughly valued the experience and are looking forward to working collaboratively with all partners involved. There is a strong sense of excitement about the project's potential to support wellbeing, build confidence, and strengthen connections within the community.



Medrwn Môn welcomes Una to the Môn Community Link Team!



I'm the new Local Asset Co-ordinator covering the Talybolion and Twrcelyn area. My role involves connecting individuals and groups across Anglesey to local assets such as community groups, activities, services, and informal support networks. Having one-to-one conversations to understand people's needs, interests, and strengths. Linking individuals to local groups (e.g. social clubs, volunteering, wellbeing activities). Supporting community groups to grow or become more accessible. Building relationships with local organisations across Anglesey. Helping reduce isolation and improve mental and physical wellbeing.



I bring over 30 years of experience in the employability sector, where I have supported and mentored individuals aged 16+ seeking training opportunities, CV development, and assistance with job applications to help them move into sustainable employment. My extensive background has equipped me with strong interpersonal skills, a person-centred approach, and a deep understanding of the barriers people may face when trying to improve. I've also worked as a Youth Worker on Anglesey, delivering information, guidance, and support services to young people across the island. This experience has further strengthens my ability to engage with diverse communities and provide tailored, accessible support.

Contact details: Una@medrwnmon.org

Here for You: Support from the Môn Community Link Team



The 5 Ways to Wellbeing: **Connect**

One of the Five Ways to Wellbeing is **Connect**. Strong relationships and social connections can help us feel happier, more supported, and part of our community. Taking time to **Connect** with family, friends, neighbours, or local groups can make a real difference to our wellbeing.

Ways to **Connect**

- Call or visit a friend or family member.
- Join a local club, group, or activity.
- Start a conversation with a neighbour.
- Volunteer in your community.
- Attend a local event or community gathering.



Making connections helps us build support networks, share experiences, and feel a sense of belonging.

If you'd like support to find local groups, activities, or opportunities to **Connect**, the Môn Community Link Team is here to help. Give us a call and find out what's available in your community.

Linc@medrwnmon.org 01248 725745

Connected by Experience

Bringing people with sight loss together



The Môn Community Link team began receiving an increasing number of referrals to support vulnerable people living with sight loss. Through this work, we identified a clear gap in community-based support for people with visual impairments on Anglesey, particularly around opportunities to connect with others who shared similar experiences.

During a What Matters conversation, one woman told us she had felt lonely and isolated since losing her sight five years ago. She explained that connecting with others who understood her experience would make a real difference to her wellbeing. At almost the same time, we received a referral for another woman who expressed exactly the same feelings and a strong desire to join a support group.



Recognising this need, Awen our Local Asset Co-ordinator, contacted the Macular Society to establish a new, accessible group on the island. A suitable venue was identified that was easy to reach by public transport, helping to remove barriers to attendance.

The group is now well established at **Hafan Cefni, Llangefni**, meeting on the second **Tuesday of each month from 1–3pm**. Members enjoy spending time together in the lounge area, socialising in a relaxed and welcoming environment. Three volunteers have been recruited to support the group by helping with teas and coffees.

The group continues to grow and has become very active. Members felt it would be beneficial to invite guest speakers and local services to share information about available support for people with visual impairments and help them access these services confidently.

If you, or someone you know, has a visual impairment and would like to join the group, please contact Medrwn Môn on 01248 725745 or email linc@medrwnmon.org.

“ I joined this group because I wanted help, advice, and friendship... I always leave feeling hopeful! ”



Third Sector News

Spotlight on Anglesey Vintage Equipment Society!



As part of Volunteers' Week, we were proud to highlight the wonderful people who give up their time to support organisations across our communities.

We produced a video featuring the Anglesey Vintage Equipment Society, where members and volunteers Wil Roberts and Chris Furnival shared the history of the society, the activities they take part in, and what volunteering means to them.

From helping to preserve local heritage to spending time with like-minded people and learning new skills, their enthusiasm is what keeps the society strong.

If you haven't seen it yet, click [here](#) watch the video.



GIG BUDDIES WALES

Malan Jones Senior Project Coordinator from **Gig Buddies Cymru** came to have a chat to the Link team about **Gig Buddies Cymru**, Malan covers North Wales and is based in Caernarfon. The projects are all about supporting people with learning disabilities and autistic people to live the lives they choose.

They match people with volunteers who share their interests, so they can go to gigs, evening events, or simply hang out - as equals and as friends.

They are there to challenge the idea that disabled people should live restricted or isolated lives. Everyone deserves friendship, fun, a social life that reflects who they are and the freedom to [Stay Up Late](#) if they want to!

Email: gigbuddies@ldw.org.uk

Phone: 029 2068 1160

Web: www.gigbuddies.cymru



Community Life

It's about people with learning disabilities being welcomed and loved in their communities and developing the skills and confidence to get more involved.

Friendships

It's about people with learning disabilities having people in their life who aren't paid to be there. Just friends who enjoy their company.



Culture

It's about enabling people with learning disabilities to be part of everyday mainstream culture and events.

Leading

It's about people with learning disabilities and/or autistic people being in charge of how they spend their social time, and what time they go home.



Police and Crime Commissioner praises collaborative scheme.



Andy Dunbobbins visited Amlwch port to see the great collaborative project, aimed at giving Children and Young people a safe space where children are encouraged to keep active.

The Local Authority's Housing department, Amlwch Town Council, Môn Active, Medrwn Môn and the Neighbourhood policing team have been working with children from Amlwch School Council to gather information from their peers in school on what they would like to see in Amlwch Port park.

Their top priorities were:

- Improving the bike track
- Cleaning the park
- Improving the MUGA

The first part of the project that the group is concentrating on is the redevelopment of the bike track and the upgrade of a multi-use games area (MUGA) with improved lighting.

PC Kathleen Barrell, part of the project for the Neighbourhood Policing Team, said: "**This is a really ambitious project for Amlwch, and we're excited to get the first phase underway next week with the implementation of a bike track, making the area safer and more accessible**"



Helping you to keep people safe!



Gofal Cymdeithasol Cymru
Social Care Wales

Safeguarding should be a priority for all voluntary organisations, especially those that work with children, young people and adults at risk.

Good and appropriate safeguarding provides the public with reassurance about your organisation and contributes to the positive reputation of the sector in general.

To help you ensure that all staff, volunteers and participants of a community group/organisation are safe Medrwn Môn offers FREE Safeguarding courses that are designed especially for voluntary sector organisations in Wales.

- Safeguarding training for **group A** practitioners: Basic Awareness for all staff working in public or voluntary sectors (e.g., receptionists, caretakers, general volunteers).
- Safeguarding training for **group B** practitioners: Practitioner Level (Direct Work) who work with people in a group setting or on a one-to-one basis
- Safeguarding for **trustees** and board members: charity committee members, school governors, and board directors.

If you would like more information or would like to host a training session at your venue, please contact Sheree@medrwnmon.org or call 01248 724944.

Community Transport Association Celebration!



The Community Transport Association (CTA) is marking its 40th anniversary this year, celebrating four decades of empowering communities and helping millions of people stay independent and connected across the UK.

The landmark anniversary was commemorated during the national CT26 Awards Dinner and Celebration on June 4, 2026. Hosted at The Midland Hotel in Manchester, the event brought together members, volunteers, and partners to spotlight the extraordinary individuals and organisations keeping communities connected.

The celebrations spotlight how community transport goes ***"More Than a Minibus"—providing essential, community-led solutions that tackle mobility challenges and reduce isolation.***

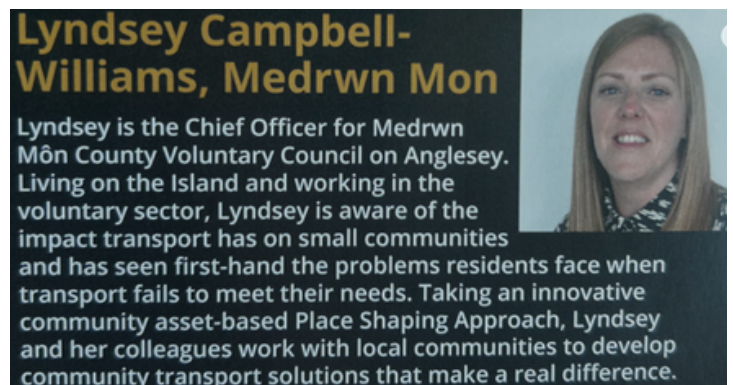
Medrwn Môn are very proud of Lyndsey, our Chief Officer, who was nominated for the CTA ally of the Year award, recognising an individual who has made an exceptional contribution to Community Transport, through service delivery or by supporting and championing the movement.

Medrwn Môn continue to support Communities across the Island with transport schemes and identifying new initiatives. This year Medrwn Môn are working in communities using the Asset Based Place Shaping Approach where public transport is an issue. A Community transport service has been established and funded until March 2027 through the Local Authority and we will work with another area once the consultation is complete.

There are 'Good Turn Schemes' in the Seiriol, Benllech, Bryngwran and Caergybi areas. Community bus schemes run in Seiriol, Llanddaniel and we have car Link Môn.

Contact us at Medrwn Môn for further information regarding each scheme, or if you would like to get involved.

(Pic: Sheree (Third Sector and Community Wellbeing Officer) & Anne (Place Shaping Officer) had the pleasure of representing Lyndsey at the event, Congratulations to all of the winners).



New Banking Hub Opens in Holyhead

Local Asset Co-ordinator Bethan attended the official opening of the new Banking Hub in Holyhead, a welcome addition that will help ensure local residents and businesses continue to have access to essential banking services.

The hub, located at 62 Market Street, Holyhead LL65 1UN was officially opened by Rhun ap Iorwerth and is part of a nationwide initiative to provide communities with convenient access to cash and face-to-face banking support.

Open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm, the Banking Hub offers a range of everyday banking services, including cash withdrawals and deposits, cheque deposits, balance enquiries, bill payments, and utility top-ups. Registered businesses can also access change-giving services.

In addition to counter services, customers can meet with community bankers from participating banks throughout the week to discuss more complex banking matters in a private setting.

Speaking after the event, First Minister of Wales Rhyn Ap Iorwerth welcomed the opening of the hub, highlighting the positive impact it will have on the local community. The new facility will provide valuable support for residents, particularly those who prefer face-to-face banking services.

The Banking Hub is expected to become an important community resource, ensuring that essential banking services remain accessible in the heart of Holyhead.

For more information please visit the [website](#)

Open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

Monday: **Barclays**

Tuesday: **NatWest**

Wednesday: **Lloyds**

Thursday: **HSBC**

Friday: **Santander**



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Cariad Crew



Launch Day!



Gemma, our Volunteering Supporting Officer attended the Launch Day of Cariad Crew on the 1st of June 2026 at St David Hospice in Bangor.

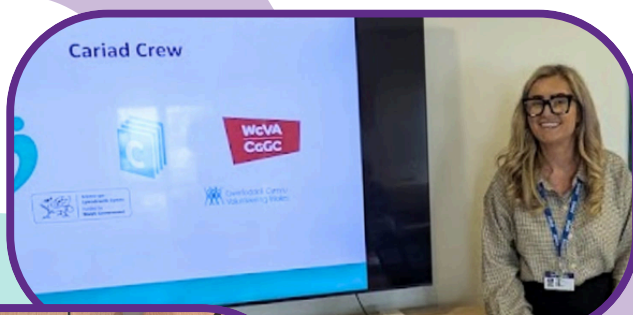
Cariad Crew is an 18-month project funded by WCVA and delivered in partnership with St David's Hospice and CVSC.

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The project aims to recruit and support new volunteers within the health and palliative care sector. A wide range of volunteering opportunities are available, including befriending and companionship services, British Sign Language (BSL) interpreting, counselling, hair and beauty support, and other roles for individuals interested in contributing to health and palliative care services.



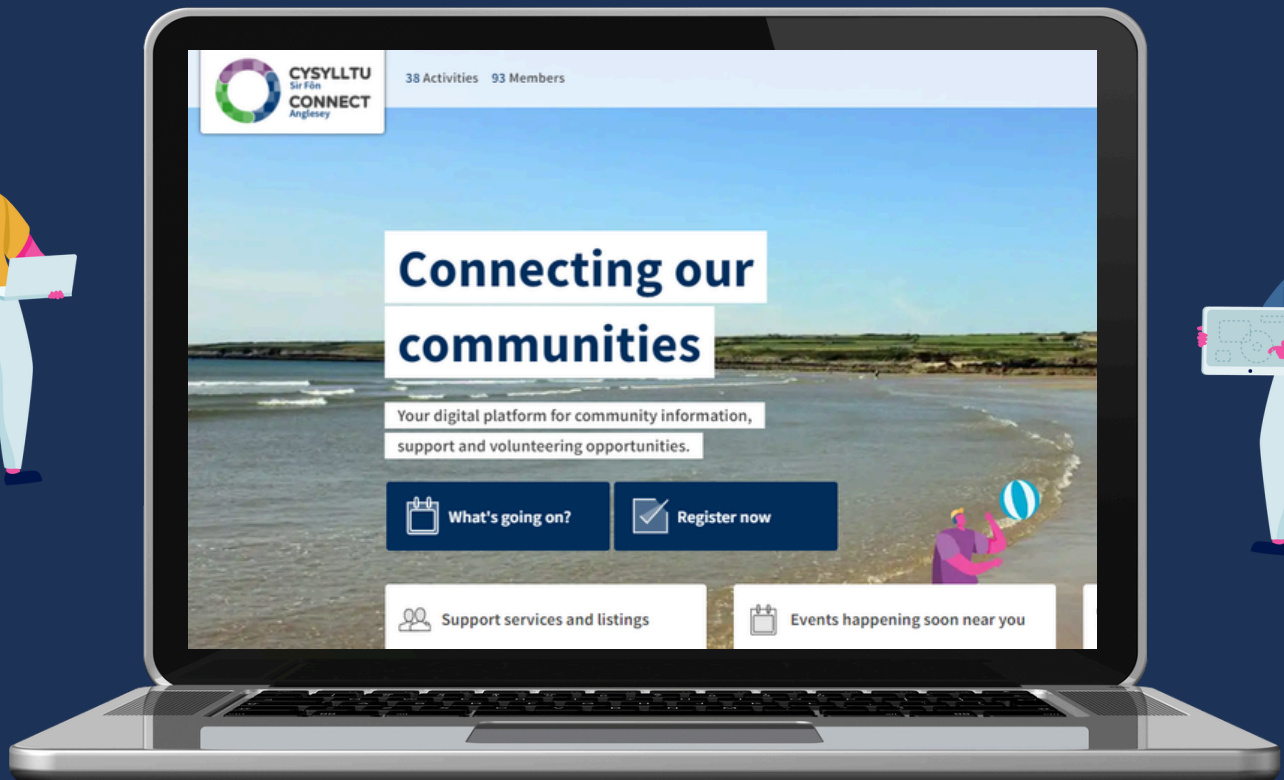
For more information and a Volunteer Enquiry form, visit :
<https://stdavidshospice.org.uk/cariad-crew/>



HOW DO YOU ADVERTISE YOUR LOCAL ACTIVITIES, EVENTS AND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES ?

- Do you want more people to attend your events
- Would you like to share information about your group or organisation across Anglesey for free?

If so, then please join the groups already advertising on **Connect Anglesey!**



Visit our website!

<https://connectanglesey.wales/> 

For more information, or support in uploading your information please contact
Gemma@medrwnmon.org or call 01248 724944



HAVE YOUR SAY!

What consultations are happening in your area?

The Born in Wales Study

Please take part in these surveys and help researchers to discover how families, health care professionals and policymakers can help to support families and give children the best start in life.

Researchers at the National Centre for Population Health and Wellbeing Research (NCPHWR) launched the Born in Wales study in September 2020. This has been funded through Health and Care Research Wales.

There are two surveys; one for expectant parents and one for parents who have a child between 18 months to 2-and-a-half-years old.

The surveys can be found [here](#)



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Anglesey active travel network map review and update: consultation

Isle of Anglesey County Council is reviewing its Active Travel Network Map (ATNM). The ATNM was previously consulted on in 2021 and approved by Welsh Government in August 2022.



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ISLE OF ANGLESEY
COUNTY COUNCIL**

This stage of engagement is the final chance to gather feedback from the public on the existing network and the routes proposed within each of the following areas:

- Llangefni
- Llanfairpwll
- Menai Bridge
- Valley
- Amlwch
- Benllech
- Holyhead
- Gaerwen

What we mean by 'active travel'

Active travel refers to making every day short journeys by walking, wheeling and cycling (including electric wheelchairs and mobility scooters). The definition of an active travel journey includes walking, wheeling and cycling to travel to work, school and other educational facilities, the shops, leisure facilities, public transport interchanges.

What we want to know from you

- Has the Council identified the correct routes for improvement (future routes)?
- Are they correct in their assessment of routes that already meet the agreed standards (existing routes)?
- Have they identified all the appropriate new routes including any direct routes people use or missing links within designated settlements?

Have your say

Share your thoughts on the active travel network map, and whether you are in agreement with the proposed active travel routes, and if they will be of benefit to you. Click [here](#) to take part

Choosing the Right Structure for Your Organisation



One of the most common conversations we have at Medrwn Môn is with groups and individuals asking what legal structure they should choose for their organisation.

Often, people feel pressure to formalise quickly – whether to apply for funding, open a bank account, or appear more established. However, choosing a structure is one of the most important decisions an organisation will make, and it's important not to rush into it.

There is no single “best” option. The right structure depends on your organisation's purpose, how you plan to operate, and where your income is likely to come from.

Don't Rush to Formalise

One of the biggest misconceptions in the sector is that groups must formally register before they can begin making a difference. In reality, many successful community initiatives start life as constituted groups - a group of volunteers working together around a shared goal without formally incorporating.

Being an constituted group can still allow you to:

- Apply for small grants and community funding
- Deliver activities and events
- Build partnerships and local support
- Test ideas before committing to formal governance

For many grassroots projects, remaining informal initially can be the most practical and sustainable option while the organisation develops.

CICs

In recent years, Community Interest Companies (CICs) have become increasingly popular. For organisations with a strong trading model and plans to generate earned income through products or services, a CIC can work very well.

- Benefits of a CIC can include:
- Flexibility to trade and generate income
- A clear social enterprise identity
- Simpler setup and reporting than a charity
- The ability to employ staff and pay directors



However, it's important to remember that a CIC is still a limited company and comes with legal responsibilities, including the requirement for directors, annual accounts, reporting, and governance obligations.

A CIC works best where there is a genuine trading element. Increasingly, we see organisations registering as CICs without fully developing how they will generate sustainable income, relying instead almost entirely on grants.

This can create difficulties as some funders will not consider applications from CICs that are less than 12–18 months old, which can be a significant obstacle for newly formed organisations expecting registration to unlock funding opportunities immediately.

That doesn't mean CICs are the wrong choice. They can be an excellent structure when matched with the right business model and long-term plans.

Choosing the Right Structure for Your Organisation... (continued)



CIOs

For organisations expecting to rely mainly on grants, fundraising and donations, a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) may be a particularly strong option to consider.

Benefits of a CIO can include:

- Access to a wider range of charitable grants and funding opportunities
- Increased credibility and public trust as a registered charity
- Limited liability protection for trustees
- Eligibility for charitable tax reliefs
- A structure specifically designed for organisations delivering charitable activities
- Stronger alignment for organisations relying primarily on grants, donations, and fundraising



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

While CICs can be excellent for organisations with strong trading and earned-income ambitions, a CIO may offer greater stability for groups whose long-term sustainability is likely to depend mainly on charitable funding and community support.

Ultimately, choosing a legal structure should begin with your mission, your income model, and your long-term plans – not simply what appears quickest or easiest to register online. Sometimes a CIC is the right fit. Sometimes a CIO is more appropriate. And sometimes, especially in the early stages, remaining an constituted group is absolutely fine.

The important thing is choosing the structure that genuinely supports your organisation's future.

Further Reading and Support

If you're considering which structure is right for your organisation, these resources are a useful place to start:

- **[Charity Commission Guidance – Setting Up a Charity](#)** - Practical guidance on different charity structures, trustee responsibilities, and registration requirements.
- **[Companies House – Community Interest Companies](#)** - Information about CICs, responsibilities, reporting requirements, and the CIC Regulator.
- **[Third Sector Support Wales Knowledge Hub](#)** - A wide range of practical resources covering governance, funding, legal structures, safeguarding, volunteering, and running community organisations in Wales.
- **[WCVA – Choosing the Right Legal Structure](#)** - Useful guidance comparing structures commonly used by voluntary and community organisations.
- **[Social Enterprise UK](#)** - Advice and resources for organisations interested in trading for social purpose and developing sustainable income models.

If you're still unsure which structure is right for your organisation, Medrwn Môn can provide guidance and support to help you explore the options before making a decision.

Funding Fair- Meeting Funders Face to Face!



On Monday the 8th of June, Medrwn Môn hosted a Funding Fair at Llangefni Business Centre, bringing together representatives from a range of funding organisations to share information about grants and funding opportunities available to local groups. Representatives from Anglesey County Council, the Heritage Lottery Fund, Keep Wales Tidy, National Grid and Cymdeithas Elusennol Ynys Môn attended the event, offering advice and guidance to community and voluntary organisations from across the island. The event attracted significant interest, with 71 people from third sector groups across Anglesey registering to attend.

Throughout the evening, attendees had the opportunity to learn more about available funding streams, ask questions directly to funders, and connect with other organisations working within their communities. Feedback received so far has been overwhelmingly positive, with participants reporting that they identified potential new funding opportunities and valued the chance to network with other groups facing similar challenges and opportunities.

If you attended the event but have not yet completed a feedback form, we would be grateful if you could do so here: <https://forms.office.com/e/z86W1a8qbU>
Your feedback is invaluable in helping us shape future events and ensure they meet the needs of local organisations.

If you missed the Funding Fair and would like to be among the first to hear about similar opportunities in the future, sign up to our funding mailing list here: <https://www.medrwnmon.org/general-9-1>



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Funding Opportunities



The Fund for Wales, administered by Community Foundation Wales, provides grants of £500–£2,500 to support small, grassroots organisations making a positive difference in communities across Wales. Funding is available for up to three years, offering valuable longer-term support for local initiatives.

The programme is open to charities, CIOs, constituted community groups, social enterprises, companies limited by guarantee and eligible CICs with an annual income below £100,000. Projects must benefit people living in Wales and demonstrate a clear need for support.

Applications are welcomed from organisations working to improve life chances, strengthen communities, enhance local environments, promote healthier and more active lifestyles, or preserve local heritage and culture.

Applications are assessed on a rolling basis, with decisions typically made within two months.

Grant size: £500–£2,500 (up to three years)

Who can apply: Small Welsh community organisations with income under £100,000

Deadline: Rolling programme; current round closes 9 November at 12 noon.



The Fat Beehive Foundation provides grants of up to £2,500 to help small UK charities improve their digital presence through projects such as website development, digital accessibility improvements, and online resources. The programme is open to UK-registered charities with an annual income below £1 million.

Funding can cover up to 100% of eligible project costs, but cannot be used for core costs, staff salaries, training, general hardware/software purchases, or projects involving Fat Beehive Ltd. Applicants must have a clear digital project, be able to commit staff or volunteer time, and provide at least one supplier quote as part of the application.

The Foundation is particularly interested in supporting hard-to-fund charities and awards grants twice yearly, with trustee meetings in April and October. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, with deadlines at the end of March and September. Applicants should allow up to three months for a decision.

Grant size: Up to £2,500

Who can apply: UK-registered charities with income under £1 million

Deadline: 30 September 2026 (next round)



Youth Led Grants

New closing date!!

1st of July 2026

Up to £1,000 available

Funding is available for projects that benefit young people by bringing communities together, promoting wellbeing, supporting language and culture, and improving the environment.

Do you have an idea for a project involving young people creating volunteering opportunities for young people between the ages of 11 and 25?



**For more information or to request an application pack, please contact
Gemma@medrwnmon.org**

**WcVA
CgGC**



**Gwirfoddoli Cymru
Volunteering Wales**



**CYSYLLTU
Sir Fôn
CONNECT
Anglesey**



Volunteers Week

1st June- 7th June 2026

Celebrating our new Car Linc Volunteer Drivers



During Volunteers' Week, we took the opportunity to celebrate and thank some of our dedicated new volunteer drivers for the valuable support they provide to our community. Their time, commitment, and kindness help people stay connected and access essential services.



Gordon recently joined Car Linc Môn as a volunteer driver and has quickly become a valued member of the team. A fluent Welsh speaker, he also supports veterans as a Welfare Volunteer Officer with the RAF Association and has previous experience helping people get to hospital appointments. After hearing about Car Linc Môn at Canolfan Glanhwfa, Gordon was keen to help people in his community. He says, "I love meeting new people, having a chat and helping wherever I can. It gives me a great sense of satisfaction to know that I have made a positive difference to someone's day."

After retiring, Sandie joined Car Linc Môn around six months ago as a volunteer driver, looking for a flexible way to give back to her community. She enjoys meeting new people, having a chat, and helping others get where they need to be.

Volunteering fits easily around her day and never feels like a job. She also enjoys popping into the office and catching up with the team, who always make her feel valued and appreciated.

"It feels great to give something back, and it's reassuring to know that this fantastic service is there if I ever need it."



A former engineer, John wanted to stay active, keep his mind engaged, and maintain social connections after retirement. With support from Môn Community Link, he chose to volunteer as a driver with Car Linc at Medrwn Môn and has since become a valued member of the team.

Using his own car, John helps people attend medical appointments and wellbeing activities, while building meaningful connections along the way.

"Helping others is really rewarding for me, and I enjoy meeting new people and getting to know them. It's added a lot to my life, and I look forward to it."



Volunteering opportunities

mencap Môn **WE ARE RECRUITING A VOLUNTEER TREASURER**

Help guide the financial future of a local charity making a real difference on Anglesey

About the Role

- ✓ Oversee charity finances and budgets
- ✓ Support the Management Team with financial planning
- ✓ Present financial updates to the Board
- ✓ Ensure compliance and good financial practice

Who We're Looking For

- ✓ Organised, dependable & detail-focused
- ✓ Confident in the ability to interpret financial information and communicate it clearly to non-financial trustees.
- ✓ Passionate about supporting people with learning disabilities

Voluntary & Flexible Role

What You Gain

- ✓ Make a real impact in your community
- ✓ Work alongside adults with learning disabilities
- ✓ Help improve people's lives across Anglesey

INTERESTED? CONTACT: jackie@mencapmon.com
www.mencapmon.com

Make A Difference at Parc Mwd

Volunteer with friends of Parc Mwd

Help keep your local park clean, green and welcoming for everyone.

Join a friendly community group working together to care for and improve Parc Mwd. Whether you can spare a little time now and then or want to get more involved, you'll be making a real difference.

You will help by:

- Taking part in light maintenance around the park
- Joining tidy-up and clean-up sessions
- Helping with planting and improving green spaces
- Supporting a friendly, welcoming environment for the community

About Parc Mwd
A well-loved 20-acre community park with sports facilities, green spaces and with a growing social hub for everyone

Tea, Coffee and Biscuits/Cake provided

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www.valley-community-council.wales

clerk@valley-community-council.wales

Get Involved Today!

mudiad meithrin **ANGEN GWIRFODDOLWYR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Cylch Meithrin Dechrau'n Deg Jesse Hughes
Cysylltwch hefo/Contact
Kim Aston Cylchjessehughes@gmail.com

Volunteer with Mudiad Meithrin!

Cylch Meithrin Dechrau'n Deg Jesse Hughes, Holyhead is looking for volunteers for their Management Committee. You don't have to be a parent, and you don't need to be a Welsh speaker, all they needs from you is your time, commitment and your support.

Volunteers on the committee will be responsible for financial matters, marketing, supporting staff, health and safety matters, adopting policies and procedures and promoting Welsh medium early years education.

- ✓ You don't need qualifications.
- ✓ Your lived experience is the expertise.

MudiadMeithrin.com

Cylchjessehughes@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS & ACTIVITY CLUB STAFF WANTED

ANGLESEY BASED

- Supporting children aged 6-11
- A few hours per session
- 1-2 evenings per week
- Extra opportunities during school holidays & summer
- Paid & Volunteer Roles Available
- Ideal for Duke of Edinburgh Volunteering Hours

GOT A FEW HOURS A WEEK TO SPARE?

Cymuned CELS Community

COMMUNITY FUND

INTERESTED? WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

MatBaston@celscymru.com

A few hours a week could make a real difference to local children.

PAID & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

What's on?

**Dysgwyr Cymraeg
Teithiau Cerdded
Natur**

**Welsh Learner
Nature Walks**

Ar agor i bob lefel o
ddysgwyr Cymraeg
Open to all levels of
Welsh learners

**AM DDIM
FREE**

09:30 - 12:00

17.07.26 @ Cors Ddyga
06.08.26 @ Aberffraw
20.08.26 @ Nant y Pandy
05.09.26 @ Lligwy

Archebu ar-lein via QR neu ymchwilio "digwyddiad cefn gwlad Ynys Môn"
Book online via QR or search "Anglesey countryside events"




**Age Well Hwyllog Mon
Watercolour Art Workshop**
with Jim Hillman
10th July 2026
1pm-3pm

Hafan Cefni Llangefni
Cost members £5 non members £7.50
To book a place please
telephone 07869322821

All Materials provided





GWYL
Dau Cannwyddiant Bont Borth
200
Menai Bridge Bicentenary
2026
11:00 - 19:00

8 AWST

FESTIVAL
Food and drink stalls

Standiau bwyd a diod

**Gorymdaith • Procession
Llwyfan yr Wyl • Festival Stage
Teithiau cerdded • Walking Tours**

Bandiau o'r Borth + Iwerddon • Bands from Ireland + Menai Bridge

**Batala Bangor
Anglesey Vintage Rally**

**MYNEDIAD AM DDIM
FREE ENTRY**
Rhywbeth i bawb • Something for everyone
Cae chwarae Brenin Siôr • King George playing field

**Ein Hwb Ieuenctid
Our Youth Hub**

Amserlen yr Haf
Pob nos Lun
5yh-7yh
6ed o Orffennaf - AR
AGOR
13eg o Orffennaf - Parti
Pitsa ft. DJ Endaf
GWYLIAU'R HAF
Nôl Mis Medi 2026!

Canolfan
Canolfan Gŵylfa Cymdeithasol
Porthaethwy
Menai Bridge War Memorial
Community Centre

Summer Timetable
Every
Monday evening
5pm-7pm
6th July - OPEN
13th of July - Pizza Party
ft. DJ Endaf
SUMMER HOLIDAYS
Back in September 2026!

Dilynnwch ni ar y cyfryngau cymdeithasol am fwy o wybodaeth
For more information follow us on our social media platforms

 canolfan_porthaethwy  MBWMCC  mbwmcc2@gmail.com

What's on?



GŴYL HAF
YNYS MÔN

ANGLESEY SUMMER FESTIVAL

AUGUST 1ST & 2ND
SATURDAY 10AM - 6PM
SUNDAY 10AM - 5PM

Parc yr Odyn, Pentraeth,
Anglesey LL75 8UL

Over **100** Local,
National and
International food, drink
and craft stands

LIVE MUSIC
Demonstrations and
workshops
Free on site parking

ADMISSION £5 ADULTS
ACCOMPANIED CHILDREN
UNDER 16 FREE!

Instagram, Facebook, Anglesey Events



Caffi Siop Mechell

100

Dydd Sadwrn Gorffennaf 25ain

3yp - 6yp

Dewch i Caffi Siop Mechell
i'r parti gardd gydag amrywiaeth o
fwydydd, diodydd a gweithgareddau ar
gael i pob oedran!

Mwynhewch y gemau a gwerthiannau
bwrdd Cymunedol

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- . Swigod
- . Cerddoriaeth



welsh conservation festival

Anglesey Sea Zoo
Gŵyl Gadwraeth Gymreig

CELEBRATING OUR OCEAN,
WILDLIFE & WELSH COMMUNITIES

YN DATHLU EIN CEFNFOR,
BYWYDD GWYLLT A CHYMUNEDAU CYMREIG

JULY 25TH & JULY 26TH
25 GORFFENNAF & 26 GORFFENNAF

A weekend of
community, conservation
and celebration!

Penwythnos o
gymuned, cadwraeth
a dathlu!

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY! / HWYL I'R TEULU I GYD!

- FACE PAINTING
PAENTIO WYNEBAU
- BOUNCY CASTLE
CASTELL NEIDIO
- BIRD WATCHING
GWYLLJO ADAR
- SEASHORE SAFARIS
ANTURIADAU AR Y TRAETH
- LIVE MUSIC
CERDDORIAETH FYW
- OCEAN-THEMED ARTS & CRAFTS
CREFFTAU AR Y MŌR A'R CEFNOR

TALKS, INTERACTIVE SESSIONS
& STALLS FROM LOCAL
CONSERVATION ORGANISATIONS
THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND!

SGWRSIAU, SESYNAU RHYNGWEITHIOL
A STONDINAU GAN SEFYDLJADAU
CADWRAETH LLEOL DRWY'R
PENWYTHNOS!

ENTRY IS FREE!
MYNEDIAD AM DDIM!

LOCAL, SUSTAINABLE
SEAFOOD IN OUR
ROCKPOOL CAFE
WITH VEGAN OPTIONS

BIWYD MŌR LLEOL,
CYNALLADWY YN EIN
CAFFI ROCKPOOL
GYDA OPSYNAU FEGAN

Anglesey Sea Zoo, Brynslencyn, Ynys Môn, LL61 6TQ

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OPEN 10AM - 5PM
BOTH DAYS
AR AGOR 10AM - 5PM
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Gerddi ar agor am elusen
Gardens open for charity

Llanddona Village Gardens

Beaumaris, LL58 8TU

Dydd Sadwrn 11 Gorffennaf
Saturday 11 July
11am - 4pm

Mynediad cyfunol £6 Plant am ddim
Combined entry £6 Children free

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More information at ngs.org.uk

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